

of father is a unique blessing and a profound responsibility, one at the very heart of our Nation's families and communities. When we are young, our father's nurturing brings us comfort and security. As we grow, our dads are our teachers and coaches—whether we are learning to read or to play a sport—and they instill in us cherished values of honor, courage, hard work, and respect for others. Later, as adults, we look to our fathers for advice and friendship. On all the paths of life, our fathers encourage us when we hesitate, support us when we falter, and cheer us when we succeed.

American fathers today must balance the demands of work and family. As our growing economy has helped America's families meet their financial needs, the pressure to maintain that balance has increased. For the health of our families, it is important that fathers have the time, the support, and the parenting skills necessary to fulfill their children's moral and emotional needs as well as provide for their physical well-being. Throughout our Administration, Vice President Gore and I have encouraged fathers to take an active and responsible role in their children's lives. This year, in recognition of Father's Day, I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services, along with certain other Federal agencies, to develop guidance for State and local governments, community providers, and families on Federal resources that are available to promote responsible fatherhood.

On this first Father's Day of the 21st century, let us honor our fathers, both living and deceased, for believing in our dreams and helping us to achieve them. Throughout the year, let us continue to reflect on the importance of fathers—whether biological, foster, adoptive, or stepfathers—as role models in our lives. And let us express our gratitude for the many gifts they bring to our lives by passing on their legacy of love and caring to our own children.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of the Congress approved April 24, 1972 (36 U.S.C. 142a), do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 18, 2000, as Father's Day. I invite the States, communities across our country, and all the

citizens of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that demonstrate our deep appreciation and abiding love for our fathers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 10

In the morning, the President traveled to Northfield, MN, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

June 12

In the afternoon, the President met with President Wahid of Indonesia in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dr. Samir Abu-Ghazaleh as a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles F. Moneyppenny as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 23–31.

June 13

In the afternoon, the President met with President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina in the Cabinet Room. Later, they had a working luncheon in the Old Family Dining Room.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dr. Dennis J. Slamon as a member of the President's Cancer Panel.

The President announced that Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala appointed eight members of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

June 14

In an evening ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Marianna Fernandez of Bolivia, Igor Davidovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sven Jurgenson of Estonia, Aivis Ronis of Latvia, Tej Bunnag of Thailand, Ariel Rivera Irias of Guatemala, Hugo Tomas Fernandez Faingold of Uruguay, Ulrik A. Federspiel of Denmark, Joshua Sears of the Bahamas, Abdellah Maaroufi of Morocco, and William Bull of Liberia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sarah W. Mitchell as Chair and Bryon R. MacDonald and Thomas P. Golden as members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

June 15

The President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley concerning Secretary Daley's resignation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Richard N. Brown as a member of the Federal Salary Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marilyn M. Porter as a member of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

In the evening, the President traveled to Chappaqua, NY.

June 16

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City.

In the afternoon, the President met with National Security Adviser Hwang Won-tak of South Korea at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In the evening, the President returned to Chappaqua, NY.

The President announced the designation of Stephen Koplan as Chairman and Deanna Okun as Vice Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, effective June 17.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 13

Richard A. Boucher,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs), vice James P. Rubin.

Francisco J. Sanchez,
of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Charles A. Hunnicutt, resigned.

Submitted June 16

Allan I. Mendelowitz,
of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007, vice Bruce A. Morrison, term expired.

Ruth Martha Thomas,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Linda Lee Robertson, resigned.

Withdrawn June 16

Bruce A. Morrison,
of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007 (reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on October 29, 1999.